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Two Judges Reappointed to U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for Central, Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO – Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit announced today the reappointments of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Alan Jaroslovsky to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California and Bankruptcy Judge Sheri A. Bluebond to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

Judge Jaroslovsky, 66, has served on the Northern District bankruptcy court since 1987. He was reappointed in 2001 and has been serving as the court’s chief judge since 2011. His new term is effective January 5, 2015.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Jaroslovsky maintained a solo bankruptcy practice in Santa Rosa, California. He is a former professor of law and past president of the Sonoma County Bar Association. Judge Jaroslovsky has lectured and written extensively on bankruptcy law and procedure. He is the author of “Practical Bankruptcy Procedure” as well as article published in the Continuing Education of the Bar, or CEB, Litigation Reporter, the California Real Property Law Journal, and the California State Bar Journal.

A Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, Judge Jaroslovsky received his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1970 and his J.D. in 1977 from Golden Gate University, School of Law, where he was on the staff of the law review.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, which is authorized nine bankruptcy judges, reported 15,430 new filings in fiscal year 2014.

Judge Bluebond, 53, who maintains chambers in Los Angeles, came onto the bankruptcy bench in February 2001. Her reappointment to a second 14-year term is effective February 1, 2015.

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Prior to her appointment, Judge Bluebond had engaged in private practice as a partner at the Los Angeles law firm of Irell & Manella LLP, where she had specialized in bankruptcy law since 1995. She was associated previously with the Los Angeles law firms of Murphy, Weir & Butler from 1991 to 1995 and Gendel, Raskoff, Shapiro & Quittner from 1983 to 1991.

Judge Bluebond received her B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1982 and her J.D., Order of the Coif, from the UCLA School of Law in 1985, finishing first in her class and serving on the UCLA Law Review.

Judge Bluebond is a fellow of the American Bankruptcy College and serves on the Executive and Bankruptcy committees of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. She serves as a frequent lecturer and panelist on various topics of bankruptcy law.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, which is authorized 24 bankruptcy judges, reported 60,545 new filings in fiscal year 2014.

Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year renewable term and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment. For reappointments, the court conducts a performance review and considers public comment evaluations.

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